

# Banwell Parish Council



## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CEMETERY AND MEMORIALS COMMITTEE HELD AT BANWELL CEMETERY AT 7.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017

**Present:** Cllr Paul Blatchford (Chairman), Cllr Angela Haden (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Hale, Cllr Harding, Cllr Weston, Richard Tolmie (co-optee).

**In attendance:** Liz Shayler (Clerk).

**33/17 To receive apologies for absence (agenda item 1)**

Apologies were received from John Keate

**34/17 To receive members' declarations of interest on any agenda item (agenda item 2)**

None were received

**35/17 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the cemetery and memorials committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 (agenda item 3)**

**Resolved** – That the minutes be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (4 in favour 2 abstentions due to absences at the last meeting).**

The minutes of the meeting were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**36/17 To invite public participation (agenda item 4)**

No members of the public were present.

**37/17 To discuss whether anything can be done to tidy up Cremation Corner (agenda item 5)**

The Clerk reported that later in the summer the village orderly will be removing all the greenery at the back of cremation corner.

**38/17 To receive the Clerk's report/Exchange of information: (agenda item 6)**

- (i) **Abbey Wall** - Phase 2 of the replacement of the headstones along the Abbey Wall is underway with all of them expected to be replaced by the end of July.
- (ii) **Jubilee Pump and Cemetery Gates** – The Chairman thanked Cllr Weston for painting both sets of gates and spraying the weeds in the jubilee pump. Concern was raised that the drain in the pump area appears to be blocked as there is a lot of standing water. Cllr Weston offered to look at the drain.

- (iii) **War memorial** – A question was raised concerning the cleaning of the war memorial. The Clerk to contact the British Legion and locals who have completed the cleaning in the past. If necessary the Clerk to put this item on the Parish Council agenda in September.

**39/17 To discuss the annual topple test and amend the cemetery regulations to review the protocol for dealing with dangerous gravestones (agenda item 7)**

**Resolved:** To change the Parish Council Regulations to say ‘the gravestone to be staked by a competent person’. The Clerk to check current regulations in relation to staking.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (Unanimous).**

**40/17 To discuss work which needs to be undertaken to some of the gravestones (agenda item 8)**

**Resolved:** Where possible the Clerk to contact the next of kin affected. The cost of the repairs to be put to full council.

**The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (5 in favour with 1 abstention).**

**41/17 To discuss the way forward with a cemetery extension. (agenda item 9)**

The Committee had a discussion concerning the cemetery extension. Covering the following points;

- The Pros and Cons of the East Street site currently under consideration.
- The effect and opportunities that could arise should Banwell double in size.
- A reappraisal of sites that were considered in the past .

The Clerk to contact David Elsey concerning what investigations have been done previously.

**42/17 To note the Cemetery and Memorials Budget (agenda item 10)**

The budget was noted

**43/17 Date of next meeting (agenda item 11)**

7pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in Banwell Cemetery.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....